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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Directs that the strength of the Depressed Classes Taluk Committees be fixed at not less than six and not more than eight.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 7449-52—L. R. 161-39-23, dated 24th June 1940, directing the formation of Taluk Committees, to concert measures for the advancement of the Depressed Classes in Mysore.

2. Letter No. C. 2274—40-41, dated 22nd October 1940, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending the increase in the strength of the Taluk Committees from six to eight.

ORDER No. R. 3251-300—L. R. 235-40-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14TH NOVEMBER 1940.

The Revenue Commissioner states that according to the directions contained in the Government Order read above, the maximum number of members to the Taluk Committees will be six, including the Chairman (*viz.*, Amildar), of whom, three must be Adikarnatakas and two others interested in this branch of social work who need not necessarily belong to Depressed Classes. He considers that it is desirable to make these committees quite representative by nominating members of other Depressed Classes, such as Banajars, Voddars, etc., also and recommends, therefore, that the strength of these committees may be increased to eight so that it may be possible to give a fair representation to all Depressed Classes on the Committee.

2. Government agree with the Revenue Commissioner and are pleased to direct that the number of members of the Committees be fixed at not less than six and not more than eight, so that the representatives of the Banajar and Voddar Communities may be nominated as members wherever such representation is necessary.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Passes orders in the matter of reckoning the Malki Value in certain cases of land grants to Depressed Classes.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 1637—40-41, dated 30th September 1940, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, in the matter of not reckoning the value of the malki in certain cases while granting lands to Depressed Classes.

ORDER NO. R. 3472-89—L. R. 311-40-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH NOVEMBER 1940.

In assessing the value of land for purposes of grant, the value of the land as well as that of the malki standing on it is taken into consideration and lands are granted to the Depressed Classes free or for a reduced price, so long as the upset price of the land thus ascertained conforms to the limits prescribed in clause 5 of Rule 43 of Land Revenue Rules. It was represented at the Representative Assembly Session of June 1940 that, in the case of the Depressed Classes, the existing procedure of fixing the upset price of land was working as a hardship on the poor applicants, that in many cases, when the malki happened to be heavy, the applicants could not secure the lands although the lands themselves were not valuable, that, therefore, the value of the malki may not be taken into consideration and that, if necessary, the malki may be disposed of separately and the land granted to the applicants under the rules. The Revenue Commissioner who was consulted in the matter has proposed that in cases in which the upset price of the land goes far beyond Rs. 100 by reason of the existence of valuable malki on it and the grantee cannot afford to pay the value of the malki standing on the land, the malki may be disposed of separately in open sale and the land without it may be granted to the Depressed Class applicants under the concession rules applicable to them.

2. Government agree with the Revenue Commissioner and are pleased to sanction his recommendation.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Directs the discontinuance of the quarterly reports of Audit Objections and Irregularities to Government and prescribes a revised procedure.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 6065-6124—G. F. 218-23-1, dated 2nd May 1924, directing the submission to Government in the Finance Department of a quarterly report of Audit Objections and Irregularities noticed in the course of audit of the accounts of all Civil Departments, and defining the nature of objections to be included in the Report.

2. Note No. U. O. 165—B. 2, dated 20th September 1940, from the Comptroller on the subject.

ORDER NO. FL. 2863-2935—G. F. 7-39-7, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH NOVEMBER 1940.

In view of the altered conditions since 1924 and the scrutiny that is now being exercised by the Public Accounts Committee every year over the delay in the clearance of objections brought to notice in the Audit and Appropriation Reports, Government consider that the submission of the quarterly statements referred to above to Government in the Finance Department is not necessary. These statements will therefore be discontinued and the following revised arrangements adopted in future, with effect from the current official year :—

V(*i*) The Audit Office should send quarterly, by the 15th of the second month following the quarter to which it relates (*e.g.*, Quarterly Report for September to be sent on 15th November), list of objections and other items outstanding for more than three months to the head of each Department, once in three months, for arranging for immediate clearance.